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1. Soviet troop movement through Czechoslovakia--US Military Attaché Prague reports that the movement of Soviet troops through Czechoslovakia to the Soviet zone in Germany, which started on 27 May [redacted]

[redacted] is progressing at the rate of 5,000 to 6,000 troops daily and may involve a total of between 120,000 and 150,000 men. He comments that the move "is essentially an administrative one, with families and household goods accompanying the troops."

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3. IRAN: Soviet faction on defensive in Azerbaijan--US Consul Tabriz reports that the adoption of a defensive policy on Azerbaijan by both the USSR and the Azerbaijan Government "plainly resulted" from the "strong US stand at the Security Council coupled with the strong attitude of the world press." The Consul believes that (a) such a defensive policy has weakened the position of the "Democrats," who are "adopting the old tactic of increasing party membership by various forms of duress," (b) a "large majority" of the party would not support the leaders except for such terrorism; but (c) an organized opposition has not yet developed.

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Allen requests aid for US cultural mission--In commenting on the Soviets' lavish expenditures in Iran on cultural relations, Allen notes that the US cultural relations section is very meagerly equipped, despite the fact that "Iranians are clamoring for closer cultural relations with the US."

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4. RUMANIA: US terms Government reply "unsatisfactory" -- The State Department has informed the Rumanian Government that the latter's reply [redacted] to the recent US-UK protest against its failure to implement pledges of political freedom and early elections is "unsatisfactory" in that it (a) fails to specify any date for consideration or promulgation of an electoral law and (b) presents a "wholly inadequate and distorted account of the actual situation."

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Compromise of US mission doubted--Regarding reports that Soviet agents have stolen documents from the US military mission in Bucharest [redacted] General Schuyler, US delegate ACC, reports that (a) none of his personnel have been engaging in "improper" activities, and (b) it is "extremely improbable" that the Mission's files could have been pilfered. He comments that if the Soviets wish to implicate the Mission, "they can and probably will manufacture evidence."

5. FRANCE: "Little progress" in formation of new government--Caffery reports that the three major French parties are maneuvering "cautiously" toward the formation of a new government, and "little progress" is evident. Further inflation and economic dislocation are expected to follow the CGT's wage demands (which are generally regarded as "valid"), and all parties are reluctant to head the government.

6. BELGIUM: New price-wage program "surprisingly" successful--Kirk reports that, "from all information available," Prime Minister Van Acker's economic program (a wage freeze in combination with a 10 percent reduction in prices and severe suppression of black markets) has succeeded "beyond expectations."

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